LAST OF THE EXCURSIONS.

The Richmond Trade-Developing Asso-

ciation Will Disband.

SO SAYS SECRETARY A. H. MEYER.

No Interest Taken in the Excursions by

Richmond Merchants_Guarantee Fund

is Lacking to Charter Trains-Schod-

ule of the Excursions This Week,

The last series of excursions to Riche

mond, under the auspices of the Rich-

mend Trace Developing Association, will

After these have happened, all the money remaining on hand in the treas-

ury of the Association will be returned

to those members of it who have paid

occur during this week.

their assessments.

GREEKS ARE DEMORALIZED.

This is the Opinion Which is Now Prevailing in London.

LITTLE SYMPATHY IS FELT FOR THEM

On Account of Their Disgraceful Flight From Larissa-Greece Already Reduced to Financial and Military Extremi-

ties and Will Soon Yield.

(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, May 1.-The events of the past week have served to further alienate sympathy from the Greeks. The story from Larissa of the fearful stampeds to and from that city, after the fighting at Tyrnavos (cabled exclusively to the Associated Press on Wednesday last), is the sensation of the day. All the newspapers here are glowing with praise of the dispatch, saying it was the finest description of events yet received from the front. The fact that the Greek officers were equally affected with the privates by the panic, is regarded as proof that the Greeks are utterly demoralized and incapable of withstanding the steady advance of the Turks.

THE VELESTINO FIGHT.

The reports of the fighting at Velestino come from the Greek side, and are not thought to be as important as they are represented. Eddem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, is evidently preparing an extensive plan to attack Pharsalos, and the appearance of the Turkish coval. ing an extensive plan to attack Pharsalos, and the appearance of the Turkish cavalry in the direction of Domokos, about ten miles south of Pharsalos, indicates that it is the intention of Edhem Pasha to turn the Greek flank.

It is suspected that the fighting at Velestino was intended by the Turkish general to divert attention and occupy General Smolenski, the Greek command-

Jeneral Smolenski the Greek command er, there, while overwhelming forces are

thrown on Pharsalos.
It is stated to-day that the German Ambassador at Constantinople, Baron Saurma von Geltsch, was on Wednesday last the bearer of a message to the Sultion expressing Emperor William's appre-ciation of the manner in which Edhem Pasha had conducted the war against Greece General Grumbkoff, the German officer, who reorganized the Turkish artiefficer, who reorganized the Turkish arti-lery, has, however, in consequence of orders from General Von Hanke, chief of the Emperor's Military Cabinet received instructions to return to Constantinople from Elessona, to which place General Grumbkoff was sent to inspect and report upon the Turkish artillery and ammuni-tion.

GRUMEROFF'S ACTION CRITICIZED. The active part General Grumbkoff has taken in the campaign espeially in the occupation of Larissa, is much commented upon, since he and a number of other German officers in the Ottoman service are still in the active list of the German army.

Edhem Pasha is that prior to the war he was regarded by the Greeks as being a Philehhene, for, when Military Gov-ernor of Uskubu, he showed himself so kindly disposed to the Greeks that the Greek government decorated him with the cross of commander of the Order of the cross of commander of the Order of

the cross of commander of the Order of Our Saviour.

At the present moment interest cen-tres at Athens rather than on the fron-tier. The position of the Greek royal family is evidently most critical. The change of ministery is an eloquent sign of the weakness of King George, espe-cially his accepting M. Raili as Premier, for the Greek leader when summoned to confer with his Majesty, addressed jum in an offensively blunt manner. The him in an offensively blunt manner. The King replied with dignity, but he was forced to swallow his pride.

It is the general impression that M. Raill is aiming at something higher than the Premiership, but his acceptance of that office is held to have placed him in an invidious position.

RALLIS DEFEAT PROBABLE.

A great victory might make him a popular idol, but a defeat, which is more probable, would cover him with edium, and he would be overturned as a false prophet.
The statement that Greece will carry

on the war to the last gasp is not regarded as of any importance. is aiready reduced to military and inan-cial extremities, and further efforts must soon be abandoned. The Greeks will await a decisive encounter at Pharsalos, and they are then expected to appeal to The conditions of peace which Greece

will have to accept are stated to be most probably as follows:

The Greeks will be allowed to retain their present frontiers, provided the is-land of Crete is immediately evacuated. Turkey will be permitted to impose a

war indemnity upon Greece.

The Turks will doubtless raise some difficulty if floy are called upon to return to the status quo, but the pressure of the powers will induce them to

The meeting of the Czar and Emperor Francis Joseph is watched with the keen-est interest, and it is believed that then have arrived at an agreement regarding the future of Turkey and the Balkan States. A section of the continental press asserts that this agreement covers the whole of the future of Eastern Eu-rope and is directed against Great Bill-ain, which country is ignored in the agreement, as not having any interest the question, whatever she may think exelf. The English newspapers, however, while agreeing that these are Count Muravieff's proposals, are confident that Count Goluchewski is not such a simpleton as to enter into such an arrange-ment, which they claim would mean

making Russia the master of Europe. INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH. heen sent to Washington, suggesting May 6th or May 11th as suitable days for the chees match between teams of the British House of Commons and the United States House of Representatives.

A beautiful trophy will be given the

winners by a prominent member of Par-liament. It will probably be a magnifi-The newspapers continue their com-

ments and articles on the Canadian tariff-and its effect on British trade.

The Daily Telegraph calls it the "most startling commercial development of the

It is hailed with delight in trading elrcies here. In cottons, woollens, silks and iron and iron manufacturers, Great Britain ought to have a marked improvement in business if a preferential treat-ment is accorded her in many other artiis believed she ought to wrest the supremacy from the United States. The Spectator expects the tariff act will lead to negotiations between Washington th will result in a recibuilding yards at Southampton, and a majority of the workmen there are idle. The dispute originated with certain joinery work, and if prolonged will seriously injure the industry as the builders have a number of important orders, including Mr. Charles Day Rose's large cutter, and work for Lord Dunraven. Mr. Timothy Harrington has issued a manifesto against Mr. John Redmond's new laid party, appealing to the members in MDER SKIES OF CLOUDLESS BLUE.

new laid party, appealing to the members of the National League to stand firmly by the late Charles Stewart Parnell's cr-

ganization.

The new Irish organization is spreading rapidly. Cork Waterford, Klikenny, Galway, and Wicklow have already started to the college railor on the way, and Wickiew have already started branches, and an active policy on the financial relations question will be imme-diately started in the House of Com-mons by the Parnellites, who intend to resist every vote of supply on the ground that Ireland is paying more than her

THE SEASON OPENED. With the returns of the Prince of Wales and his family to Mariborough House, the opening of the Royal Academy and next week's Drawing-room in sight, the season has fairly

ing-room in sight, the season has fairly begun.

The big houses are rapidly opening and preparations for lavish hospitality are being made on all sides. The Prince and Princess of Wales are already busy, doing the theatres nightly and visiting the art galleries, etc.

On Thursday they nad a special, private view of the Academy. Friday's private view attracted the usual crowd. The cool, rainy weather prevented the usual display of Spring tollettes and the attendance was chiefly composed of professional celebrities of both sexes.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor is making great preparations to entertain. He has taken Lord Normanton's house for the Jubilee Procession and has already issued invitations for two parties in June and a big dinner on the 9th, to meet Keyalty.

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Jubilee Procession and has already issued invitations for two parties in June and a big dinner on the 9th, to meet Royalty.

Vanity Fair complains that Mr. Aster's invitations are so far ahead that even for Saturday to Monday parties he gives two months' netice.

The arrival and departure of the Queen to and from London in Jubilee week will be a matter of semi-State. On Monday, June 21, the journey from Paddington Station to Euckinsham Palace will be imposing and on June 24th the procession from the Palace to Paddington Station, on the return to Windsor, will be the occasion for even a finer display. The Indian and Colonial troops will form the eccurity of the procession. The Queen will hold a special court on June 23d, the day after the ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral, at Buckingham Palace. She will then receive the Iepresentatives of the foreign Powers, the Colonies and the Special Envoys.

MR. BAYARD LINGERS.

Mr. Thomas F. Bayard continues his stay here to the slight embarrassment of the United States Embassy, the situation being complicated by the absence of Queen Victoria, as Colonel John Hay is not really the Ambassador until he presents his credentials.

It is said that the action of the Consisterial Court on Thuraday, in deciding to make Mr. Bayard its accredited agent to convey the so-called Log of the Maylower to Boston, was taken in response to Mr. Bayard says the recovery of the Log is solely due to his personal efforts, as the papers he had from America were of a nature calculated to cause the demand to be refused, if presented.

The situation will be relieved on Monday, when by special duties as secretary to Colonel John Hay.

The Quarterly Review publishes an interesting article on the Gueen's literary taste, written by some one well acquainted with her Majesty. Her favorite novellets, it appears, are Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronie, Mrs. Gipphant, George Eliot, and Edna Lyell. No mention is made of Maria Cortelli.

The fifth member of the House of Com-

No. 12. The telegraph operator detailed for the service will be a practical chess player. It is suggested that play begin at five o'clock Greenwich time, which

would be noon in America.

COST OF MONARCHY.

One of the most interesting points made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, in presenting the budget statement in the House of Com-

In that year the Civil List voted out of the tax-payers' money was 285,000 pounds sterling (\$1,925,000) a year, in return for which Parliament took the Crown estates, then producing an income of 203,000 pounds sterling (\$1,05,000).

To-day the same estates produce 412,000 pounds sterling (\$2,060,000) a year, and the result is the Queen now pays the nation 27,000 pounds sterling (\$135,000) It had the result is the Queen now pays the nation 27,000 pounds sterling (\$1,000,001 in the cost of the rest of the Royal family is included, it will be found that in 1836 a further sum of 322,000 pounds sterling (\$1,000,000) a year, was paid by the tax-payers, while in 1837 the corresponding vote is 212,000 pounds sterling (\$1,000,000) or a gain to the tax-payers of 140,000 pounds sterling (\$250,000) a year.

The position of the British bicycle industry is regarded with anxiety. American competition is increasing, while the

The position of the British bacycle industry is regarded with anxiety. American competition is increasing, while the general demand is very dull. British exports have fallen more than a quarter, a reduction of the British output is impending and the shares of the bicycle companies are dwindling.

The British and German Courts are agitated over a scandal in the family of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (the Duke of Edinburgh). The second daughter of the Duke, Princess Victoria Melita, refuses to live with her husband, Ernest Louis, Grand Duke of Hesse, to whom she was married on April 19, 1394, in the presence of Emperor William and Queen Victoria at Coburg, and remains with her sister, Princess Marle Alexandra Victoria, wife of Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, at Bucharest. The Coburgs, Queen Victoria, and others all take the part of the husband, who is now staying with the Coburgs at Gotha.

The only theatrical novelty besides Beerbohm Tree's opening of his new thea-

Beerbohm Tree's opening of his new thea-tre was the first performance on Tues-day of "Lost, Stolen or Strayed," at the Dake of York's Theatre. The play is con-sidered to be a farce of the outrageous sort; but, the music is above the average, tuneful and catchy, and the production was so well acted that it will probably

core a success. The music-halls during the week have been doing an enormous business, and the other theatres have enjoyed fair at-

secured for Ibsen's new play. "John Gabriel Borkman." which will be produc-ed at the Strand Theatre by the New Century Theatre Company, beginning on

UNDER SKIES OF CLOUDLESS BLUE,

President McKinley, Hundreds of Miles Away, Pressed a Button and the Electric Messenger Set the Machinery in Motion-The Ceremonies.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 1.-The Tennessee Centenial Exposition was thrown open to the world to-day under auspicious skies and amid impressive ceremonies. The day dawned cloudless and cool, after a rainy night which threatened at one time to interfere with the festivities of the inaugural day.

At 8 o'clock the gates of the exposition were opened and the people began to arrive. By 11 o'clock the hour fixed to arrive. By 11 o'clock the hour fixed for the exercises in the auditorium, that building holding 6,00 people was filled. The brief simple, but impressive programme was carried out before one of the most brilliant gatherings ever assembled in Tennessee. On the platform were the exposition officers and committees, Governor Taylor and his staff, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Woman's Board, the Mayor of Nashville. Woman's Board, the Mayor of Nashville, United States Senator W. B. Bate, Hon. J. W. Gaines and hundreds of promi-nent citizens.

THE PARADEA

The procession formed on the public square and marched through the principal street to the Exposition grounds. The inclement weather this morning interfered with the arrangements for the parade in honor of the visiting supreme officers of Ancient Essenic Order, yet it was a most creditable affair and manifested their appreciation of the opening of the Exposition. The procession was headed by a detachment of mounted police, followed by local divisions of the Uniform Hank Knights of Pythias officers of the Tennessee Essenic Order; legion band of First Tennessee battalion, and other organizations. Governor Taylor and his staff in open carriages, went to the grounds later. Public buildings and hundreds of business houses and private residences flong the line of march and every other porthe line of march and evalv other por-tion of the city are handsomely adorred with national colors, and other Germa-tions and present a very beautiful ap-

those in procession joined with thousands of other visitors in the inspecting splen-did buildings and very atriactive grounds. THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

The opening ceremonies were so simple and so plain that they were in perfect harmony with the methods of the Direcharmony with the methods of the Director General and his efficient committees, but they were at the same time very impressive, and made a fitting prelude to one of the most memorable events in Tennessee history. The opening of the Exposition marks the one hundredth year of the admission of the State into the sisterhood of commonwealths. The inaugural eeremonles, a year ago, were attended by a military pageant that was significant of the prowess of the Volunteer State, and after the baptism of arms comes the sweet presence of art and science, and the formal opening to-day was marked by the absence of the citizen soldiery in uniform, though every man present was a soldier if called upon to protect his home in fair Tennessee, and to maintain the dignity of the Volunteer State.

ten, Charlotte Bronte, Mrs. Colphant.
George Ellot, and Edna Lygil. No mention is made of Maria Correll.

The fifth member of the House of Commons Chess team which will compete with a corresponding number of chess players of the United States House of Representatives will be Mr. F. W. Wilson, member of Parliament for the Middle Division of Norfolk. He is the author of "Our National Debt," etc., and was President of the Newspaper Society of the United Kingdom in ISM. The other members are the Hon. Horace Curzon Plunkett, member for the South Division of Durham; Mr. John Howard Parnell, and member for the Northwest Division of Durham; Mr. John Howard Parnell, elder brother of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, and member for Strauss & Company, and member for the Istance Control of Cornwell.

A cable message sent to Washington suggests May 6 or May II as suitable days for the match. Postmaster Pike, of the House of Committee Room No. 12. The telegraph operator detailed for the service will be a practical chess. erb military concert band of Cincinnati The ceremonies were opened with prayer by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gaylor, co-adju-tor Rishon of Tennessee .

Then there were addresses by Major J. W. Thomas, president, and Governor Taylor

MESSAGE TO M'KINLEY.

Chief Justice Snodgrass, William Mc Carthy, John Thompson, Speaker of the State Senate; and Morgan C. Fitzpatrick, Speaker of the House of Representatives, also delivered brief addresses. Presi-ent Thomas dictated from the stage the following message to President McKin-

To the President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.:
"The people of Tennessee send greeting and request that you now put in motion the machinery of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition."
In a few minutes the roar of artillery was heard echoing and re-echoing through the buildings and over the grounds. President McKinley had pressgrounds. President McKinley had press-ed the button; the exposition was open; the machinery had started at 12:14

The exercises in the Auditorium ended, the people gathered around the immens fountain representing electricity, built by Moretti, to witness the ceremony of its presentation to, and acceptance by, Mrs. V. L. Kirkman, President of the

Woman's Board.
Governor Taylor Introduced Mrs. Kirk-man in a brief but happy speech. Mrs. Kirkman, briefly accepting the honor, touched the button, and the waters gush-

A luncheon was then served to the members of the Woman's Board and guests, and a reception followed. During the afternoon, one of the most charm ing buildings—the Children's—was for-mally opened with kindergarten exercises, and this building was one of the chief centres of attraction during the after-

Among the distinguished visitors upon the Auditorium stage were ex-Vice-Pres-ident Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, and Governor Stephens, of Missouri.

NEW GREEK CABINET,

Its First Meeting. The Crown Prince Con. demned-Army to be Reorganized.

ATHENS, May 1 .- 2 P. M .- The Legislative chamber finally secured a quorum and held a sitting this afternoon, great crowds surrounding the building. The public galleries were thronged. The new Ministers were seated on the Govnew Ministers were seated on the Gov-ernment bench. M. Ralli, the new Fre-mier, without delay, addressed the House. He said the first care of the Government would be to reorganize the army. With-out a reorganization of the military forces, it would be impossible to carry on the

war, and conclude an honorable peace. Happily, the army, which deserved a better fate, maintained its spirit unimpaired. The country might rely upon it with confidence. He besought the Legislative Chamber and the nation to co-operate with the Government. Meanwhile, the Cabinet asked the Chamber to agree to an adjournment.

M. Delyannis, who recently retired from the post of Premier, said that there was no need of a vote in the Chamber regarding this subject. There could be no possible objection to an adjournment. In the name of his party, he desired to say that all of the members of the party In the name of his party, he desired to say that all of the members of the party would give their whole support to the new Cabinet as long as the Turks occupied an inch of Greek territory. The main subject of their solicitude would be to devise ways and means to drive the enemy from the country.

M. Phiaretos said that the Princes ought to be recalled from the frontier. The Crown Prince was evidently too fatigued to lead the army. This remark was followed by applause from the galleries.

One of the members of the Chamber ex-One of the memoers of the Chamber expressed astonishment at the reports of lack of action on the part of the Greek fleet. M. Halli then confirmed the detailed reports received concerning the Greek victory at Velestino. In regard to the movements of the army in Eptreus, he movements of the army in Epireus, he said that retreat had been orderly, with the exception of a part of the infantry, which had been infected by a panic originating among the inhabitants of the villages.

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A motion to adjourn was adopted, general assent being given. M. Delyannis approached M. Raill at the conclusion of the session, the ex-Premier and the new Premier shaking hands. This incident was heartly cheered, the members of the legislative chamber then leaving the building.

NEW MINISTER TO GREECE.

There is Little Doubt That Dr. Hopkins of Georgia, Will be the Man. WASHINGTON, May 1.—The application of Dr. I. S. Hopkins, of Georgia, for the position of Minister to Greece is now in the hands of the President, and if powerful backing counts for anything the chances are that he will land.

The peculiar diness of the learned and able doctor for the appointment to Greece has, been repeatedly pointed out by the



DR. L S. HOPKINS. press, and the people down this way are unanimous in the belief that he is the man for the place. in for the place.

or, Hopkins has received the cordial of emphatic endorsement of distinguishmen without regard to party addita-

It is stated that Colonel Buck is strong or him—and that Congressman Livington, who is an ardent Hopkins man, hinks that the chances for his appointment are very favorable.

Added to all this Senators Bacon and fay have made it a point to call on Present McKinley and urge his appointment, is said that his appointment will unoubtedly be sent to the Senate in a few ays.

HENRY M. SMYTHE IS OUT,

The President Presumably Ready to Ap-

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.-Special. The State Department has accepted the resignation of Henry M. Smythe, of Virginia, Minister to Hayti and San Domingo, and he will not be required to return to his post of duty. Mr. Smythe's resignation was sent to the Secretary of State on the 5th of March, but it was not anticipated that it would be accepted until his successor should have been ap

It is also understood that Mr. Smythe was to be allowed to complete negotia-tions with the San Domingo Government, relating to several matters of importance. Chief among those was a propostion to secure a coaling station for the United States in Samina Bay.

The State Department gives no explana-

tion of the summary acceptance of Mr. Smytho's resignation, but it is inferred that the President is about ready to name

FIGHTING BOWDEN.

One Hundred Republicans Journey to Washington to Enter a Protest.

WASHINGTON, May L-A delegation of ne hundred Republicans from the Second ingressional District of Virginia, headed by Hon, John S. Wise and Dr. Richard followers, characterized them as a disor-ganized, treacherous, and turbulent ele-ment, and asked that the patronage of the district be given to Mr. Wise, an-nouncing that they would not compromise with the Bowden faction. In a nunerously signed petition they charged fraud in elections, and that the National Committeeman had lost caste personally and politically.

THE FLOODED DISTRICTS. The River Last Night Was at a Stands still.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.-The river is stanting still to-day, while the fight is going on all mong the line. An army of men and trains of material have been distributed in many sections, and the banks are being raised from two to four feet. The situation on Bayou La Forche is again critical, and efforts to save the plantation have been redoubled.

An alarm came this afternoon from

An alarm came this afternoon from Davis Levee, in St. Charles Parish, the scene of the 18% crevasse. The Levee Board, engineers, and planters, with the officials of the Texas and Pacific and Southern Pacific gathered for consultation, and extensive work was mapped out and begun. The levee is still hold-

Filibusterer Arrested,

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KINGSTON, JAMAICA, May 1.—Capt.

Edward Murphy, formerly of the American steamer Laurada, was arrested at Port Antonio yesierday on his arrival there from New York, by order of the Jamaica Government, on the charge of filibustering. He will be tried on Thursday next.

AGREEMENT OF THE POWELS.

Dames.

They Think the Moment Opportune to Intervene Between Greece and Turkey,

AN ARMISTICE IS BEING ARRANGED.

The New Greek Cabinet Acknowledge That It Will be Impossible to Continue the War With an Empty Purse and Disconraged Troops.

PARIS, May 1 .- All the Powers, includ ing Germany and Austria, have agreed that the moment is opportune to inter vene between Greece and Turkey. They are now discussing the conditions of such intervention, and appear about to reach an understanding. ATHENS, May 1.-The Government has

ATHENS, May 1.—The Government has received dispatches from Pharsalos, giving details of the battle between the Turks and Greeks at Velestino. The Turkish force numbered 8,600, of which 600 were cavairy, but were met by the Evzones, posted on a hill, an entire Turkish regiment was decimated. Four Turkish squadrons, which attempted to charge, were received with a combined rifle and shrapnel fire, which mowed down several hundred. Fifty Greeks were killed, and a major and five subalterns wounded. A detachment of Turkish cavalry attempted to turn the flank of the Greeks, but were repulsed after a heavy cannonading.

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A dispatch from Santa Maura, capital of the island of that name, off the west coast of Greede, announces that the Greek gunboat Flotilia, in the Gulf of

coast of Greece, announces that the Greek gunboat Flotilla, in the Gulf of Arta, has bombarded the Turkish coast near Nicopolis and Santa Petras. The Turks fled, the dispatch adds.

CONFERENCE OF THE POWERS.

LONDON, May 1.—It is stated semi-officially that the Marquis of Salisbury has proposed a conference of the Powers at Paris, in order to discuss means of terminating the war between Turkey and Greece. The indications are that the proposition will not be favorably considered by the Powers.

PARIS, May 1.—Dispatches received here state that M. Raill, the new Premier of Greece, has intimated the willingness to have the Powers mediate in the contest between Greece and Turkey. It is further stated that Turkey has signified her willingness to accept a war indemnity guaranteed by a temporary surrender of the Greek fleet.

VICTORIOUS TURKS

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The Turkish the colleging cable.

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WASHINGTON, May 1.—The Turkish
legation here received the following cablegram from Constantinople to-night:
"Marshal Edhem Pasha telegraphs
that after a fight, which took place at
one hour's distance from Velestina, our
troops took possession of three fortresses
seed of three internehments.

nd of three intrenchments.
"Hefezi Pasha, commander-in-chief of the Ottoman forces at Epirus, also announces that the Hellenes, who were located at Karavan-Seral, not being able to resist the attacks of our troops, were compelled to abandom the town, and that the summits commanding the pass of Condjadis, have also been taken by our troops."

LONDON, May I.-A special from Athens says that the reports of the Turk-ish assaults on Pharsalos are officially uing the special dispatch says that M. Ralli, the new Premier, contin-ues to advocate that the war a l'outrance

though he is not adverse to an honorable

peace.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 1.— Rifzi
Pasha, commander of the Turks at Janina, yesterday telegraphed a report to the
effect that the troops had occupied, after
a fight, the heights commanding the
Caravanseral. The Greeks fled according to the official Turkish accounts, by
way of Kungardes.

way of Kunuzades. m Pasha also sent a telegram an-Velestino the Turks had captured three forts and four entrenched poritions, the Greeks retiring to Volo.

ARRANGING AN ARMISTICE. ATHENS, May 1.—Special dispatches re-ceived from the frontier announce of-ficially the evacuation by the Greeks of Fillippidia, and the subsequent occupa-tion of the town by the Turks. It is stated that before the resignation of the Delyannis Cabinet an informal proposal looking to a three-days armistice was made through the French, British and Russian ministers. No reply has as yet been received, the Powers* evidently

waiting for an official request.
PARIS, May 1.—Telegrams received from Athens state that the new ministry acknowledges that it will be impossible or Greece to continue the war with an impty purse and with discouraged troops, ATHENS, May 2.-1:20 A. M.-A dispatch from Arta says that 5,000 Greeks under Colonel Bariscterais are again at-tacking Pentenigadia. The German cruis-er Augusta Victoria has arrived at Pha-

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION,

The Senate Committee Pursuing Its In-

The Senate Committee Pursuing Its Inquiries Into the Subject.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The Senate Committee which has undertaken the investigation of the workings of the civil service laws, held its second meeting today. Senator Prichard, Lodge, and Chilton conducted the investigation. The Civil Service Commission was represented by President Proctor and Mr. George R. Wales, Letters were presented from Secretary of the Navy, Long, and Postmaster-General Gary, recommending that master-General Gary, recommending that the civil service laws should be modified, although they recommended no changes, F. W. Palmer, the Public Printer said:

"As applied to this office, which is simply a great manufacturing plant, involving varied branches of skilled labor of high grade, the civil service rules are an obstruction rather than an aid to effi-ciency and economy. The civil service rules as promulgated for enforcement here should be modified radically, sus-pended or repealed."

A number of witnesses testified to al-

leged irregularity in dismissals. To quiry will proceed next Saturday. Naval Militia Encampment.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Lieutenant Gibbons, charged with the arrangements for the summer drill of the naval milita, is now busy in completing the programme for each State. The Department has encouraged the encampment of the militia from adjacent States in groups, and the States have fallen in with the idea in most instances, though some of the State organizations will act alone this

summer, either by preference or from lack of a nearby neighbor.

North and Sputh Carolina will join with Georgia, and although the final selection has not yet been made, it is likely that Port Royal will be the head of operations. head of operations.

McKiniey Receives Minister Fang. WASHINGTON, May 1.—President Mc-Kinley at noon to-day received the new Chinese Minister, Mr. Wun Tang Fang, in the blue parlors of the White House. The ceremonies were very formal Mr. Fang, accompanied by three secretaries and the retiring Minister, Mr. Yang Yu, accompanied by two secretaries, drove

over to the White House with Secretary of State Sherman and Assistant Secretary Rockhill. They were dressed in their flowing silk robes, and made a picturesque appearance as they were ushered into the blue parlor, where the President was awaiting them. The retiring and the incoming Minister, as well as the President, made addresses of felicitation.

SAME OUD JOKE, A Wealthy Georgia "anter Buys Three

Gold Bricks fo - \$11,300. ATLANTA, GA., May 1.-A special from Macon, Ga., to the Constitution says a swindler from the North reached Macon a

swindler from the North reached Macon a few days ago and soon after his arrival met by appointment Phil Jackson, one of Georgia's weaithiest planters.

A few days ago Jackson was summoned to Macon by a letter advising him of a "good investment," and here he met the plausible stranger who exhibited three gold bricks.

Jackson swallowed the bait and after carefully examining the gold bricks paid the stranger \$3.300 in cold cash and a check for \$5,000 for the bargain. Of course the bricks were only brass, and now the victim is endeavoring to keep the affair secret instead of reporting it to the authorities and making an effort to capture the manipulator of the scheme.

The gold-brick artist told the usual story of an Indian finding the mine in a secluded spot in Nevada and the samples were only sold to get the money wherewith to develop the mine.

A POSTOFFICE ER ROR.

John N. Popham Acquires Valuable Mining Property.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Special.—
The rumor published this afternoon that the name of McCrupper, the Republican aspirant for the postmastership of Alexandria would be sent to the Senate on Monday was pronounced a fake by the Postoffice Department. The official term of Mr. C. C. Carlin, the present postmaster will not expire for about a year, and it is understood that no efforts will be made to disturb him until after the expiration of his term.

The appointment of a postmaster at Alexandria, Minn., was the cause of the blunder. The appointment of Mr. John M. Griffin to be postmaster at Fredrickshurg was to-day signed by the Postmaster General.

The Woodbury Forest base-hall nine of Orange are the guests of the Hotel Johnson to-night. The game with the Alexandria High School cadets, which was postponed to-day on account of rain, will be played on Monday.

Mr. John N. Pomam, of Culpeper, who is one of the owners and the manager of extensive manganese mines on the Isthmus of Panama, arrived here to-night from Costa Rica, Central America, where he has recently acquired valuable mining properties. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1 .- Special .-

HAVE BAGGED JONES,

The Republicans Sure of the Help of the

Gentleman From Nevada. WASHINGTON, May L-Senator Jones of Nevada, the independent member of the Senate Committee on Finance, spent several hours with Senators Allison and

several hours with Senators Allison and Aldrich, representing the Republican sub-Committee on Tariff, to-day. He went over the bill with them, and suggested changes where he was not satisfied with the existing provisions.

No statement of the Nevada Senator's position was authorized, but it is understood that the Republican members feel more certain of his co-operation since to-day's interview than heretofore. He is, indeed, quite confident of it. He assured them that he was still a protectionist and anxious to support the Bill, but told them that he would have to insist upon certain concessions to western interests. He submitted a number of amendments providing for slightly advanced rates on third-class wools, on citrus fruits, borax, etc., and was assured that these matters should have the committee's best consideration.

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The committee now believe that, besides his support of the bill, they will have Senator Jones' assistance in getting the bill out of the committee promptly. Mr. Jones declines to make a statement for publication.

China's Postal Department.

NEW YORK, May 1 .- To-day's steamers brought a number of distinguished gentlemen, who will represent foreign governments in the International Postal Con-gress, which assembles in Washington The commit

next week.

Of the delegates now in this city, none has a more interesting mission than those representing the Chinese Empire. E Bruce Hart, a relative of Sir Robert Hart, head of the newly-organized postal department in China, with F. E. Taylor and Mr. Merrill, are the first representa-tives ever sent by China to a Postal Congress, and they are authorized to act for the Empire at the deliberations in Washington next week.

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WASHINGTON, May 1.—Applications for appointments have been filed in the Treasury Department as follows:
Joseph Cully, Supervising Inapector of Steam Vessels at Norfolk, Va.; H. M. Hughes, at St. Augustine, Fla.; G. W. Allen, as collector of customs at Key West, Fla., and W. H. Northrup, at Pensacola, Fla.; J. J. Caylor, as collector of internal revenue at Atlanta, Ga.

Track Record Lowered.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.-The great four-mile race, the Ingelside stakes, guar-teed value 34,900 was decided at Ingelside this afternoon, Little Bob, by Surinam Daisy, winning by two lengths in a driving finish in the fast time of 7.24 1-4, which is ten seconds lower than the track record.

Insurgents Meet Reverses, HAVANA, VIA KEY WEST, May 1.—
The Port of Banes, in Santiago de Cuba, held by General Calixto Garcia and 6,000 Cubans ever since the Laurada landed Roloff's expedition, has been recovered by the Spanish combined army and naval forces under General Gomez Rupert and Admiral Navarro.

No Sunday Base-Balt.

CLEVELAND, O., May 1.—Mayer Mc-Kisson announced to-day that, owing to the fact that he had been called upon as an official by many citizens to enforce the statute prohibiting the playing of base-bail on Sunday, he will not allow league games to be played here on Sun-day.

Train-Robber Arrested.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 1.—Chief of Police Flowers, of this city, to-day arrested near here Jim Thomas, one of the gang who heat up and robbed an express train on the railway near Calera, Ala., March 5th last, and for whom there is a reward of \$300. Thomas was sent to Wilmington in charge of an officer to be identified by the express company. Senator Earle III.

GREENVILLE, S. C., May 1.—Senator Joseph H. Earle's physician pronounces him to-day seriously ill. He is suffering from kidney troubles, which produce violent headaches, nausea and restlessness. He cannot sleep without the use of opiates. WASHINGTON, May 1.—The State Department has received formal notice from Consul-General Lee of the release of Cepero, whom he a few days reported would be released when certain formalities had been observed.

Gold for Export. NEW YORK, May 1.—The steamer LaGascogne, which salled to Europe to-day, had about \$4,000,000 of gold, the largest consignment of metal to the other side for months.

The Executive Committee of the Asseciation is much disappointed that the scheme for excursions this spring has received so little encouragement from business men, and it is proposed to disband the committee entirely, after these

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First on the list of excursions comes that of Wednesday, May 5th, from Farmville to Richmond, via the Norfolk and Western railroad. The round-trip fare is \$1.00 from Farmville and these stations: Rice, Burkeville, Crewe, Nottoway, Blackstone, Wellville, Wilson, Ford Church Road, and Petersburg.

Leaving Farmville at 7 A. M. Wednesday, Richmond will be reached at 19:20 A. M., and returning the train leaves Richmond at 9 P. M.

THREE EXCURSIONS, MAY 5th.

Thursday, May 5th, will be literally an excursion-day, for there will be three excursions to Richmond, under the auspices of the Association.

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The first one comes from South Boston, via the Southern railway, and aflows excursionists to spend the greater part of that day and all night in this city, returning the next day.

Two other excursions will come over the Chesapeake and Ohio railway that day—one from Howardsville, on the James River Division of that road, and the other from Charlottesville, on the main line of the C. and O., giving the excursionists nearly all day here.

Attractive hand bills have been prepared and extensively circulated all active hand bins have been pre-pared and extensively circulated all through the country near to these points just named, as well as in those places, and large crowds are confidently hoped

Mr. A. H. Meyer, of Julius Meyer's Sons, Mr. A. H. Sieyer, of the association, said yesterday that he thought it was a great pity to let the association disband, but he saw no help for it.

LAST YEAR'S WORK. He referred to the successful excursions He referred to the successful excursions of last year, which were seven in number, coming from Charlottesville, Old Point, Howardsville, South Boston (two), Goldsboro, and Greensboro, N. C. He said there was a deficit of only \$192 to be met among 110 subscribers, who had subscribed for amounts all the way from 25 cents to \$5 aniese.

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These excursions brought ten thousand people here, Mr. Meyer said, and each excursion paid well, except that one from Goldsboro, N. C.

He referred to the vast amount of shepping these visitors did here, and said there had not been such a business day here since that one on which five of these excursions came in at once during last

excursions came in at once during last Mr. Meyer said that the committee had

made every effort to get a guarantee fund in Richmond to continue these excursions, and cannot secure trains without such The committee is m The committee is the control of the committee is a control of the state newspaper, and Mr. Alex. H. Meyer, of Julius Meyer's Sons, who is the secretary also.

COL. MOSBY IMPROVING. If He Continues Favorably but a Short Time Longer He Will be Out of Danger.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 1 --Special.-The many friends of Colonel John S. Mosby throughout the country will be pleased no doubt to learn that he is in a fair way to recover. Mr. Chas, W. Russell, his brother-in-law, who has been by his bedside almost night and day since the accident reports him improving rapidly and unless he gets a Setback his ultimate restoration is certain. back his ifitimate restoration is certain. While weak yet, he shows a great improvement both in his mental and physical condition, and if he can just tide over until Monday(eleven days from the time of accident) he is bound to pull through.

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This is the opinion of the medical adviser, and his family and friends who have been watching his condition for nine days with great anxiety, feel much encouraged at the prospect of his being raised up to health again.

SHIPYARD HAND MISSING.

The Suffolk Team is Still in the Field. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 1.-Special

Charles Pfeffer, who worked at the shipyard, has been missing since the morning of the fire. It is feared that he was drowned or burned to death. The report that the Suffolk team had

The report that the Suffolk team had withdrawn from the league and disbanded, is incorrect. Manager Vanderslice writes that his team will be ready to play ball when the league season opens on May 15th. The league directors and managers will hold a meeting on Tuesday in Suffolk.

Columbian University will play Newport News May 5th. port News May 6th.

The steamships Volage and Boyne have given bonds in the sums of \$25,000 and

\$10,000 respectively on account of the sal-vage claims against them filed by the tug Luckenbach, and may now proceed on their journey. Wanted in Kentucky for Murder.

BRISTOL, TENN., May 1.-Special-Will Echols, a young man wanted in Laurel county, Ky., for the murder of Geo. Baker last August, was arrested

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Forecast for Sunday: For Virginia and North Carolina, fair in Western portions and showers in Eastern portions; cooler in Eastern and warmer in Western portions; high south-easterly winds on the cost, becoming northwesterly Sunday morning.

WEATBER FORECAST.

RANGE OF THERMOMETER, The range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday was the follow-

ing:

9 A. M., 36; 12 M., 68; 3 P. M., 72; 6
P. M., 70; 9 P. M., 62; 12 M., 64. Average, 66 1-2

A strike has occurred in the yacht next Monday.